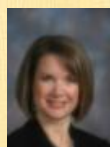




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Upcoming Events: The faculty meeting for September 20th has been canceled since we will have Staff Development the following Monday and Tuesday. PLC Leaders will meet Friday, September 23rd during 1, 3, 5 and 7. It will be a short agenda.



Kim Garrett

I heard an interesting comment yesterday from a Fayetteville teacher at a workshop about how the administrators in his building were doing walk-throughs but the biggest thing that they wanted to see was an objective on the board. He went on to explain that the quality of his work was so much better than just an objective on the board. I would quite agree with his comment and thought that this would be a good time to comment on admin informal observations in classrooms.

The last month as we've done our informal glimpses in your classroom, we have also focused on objectives because we feel that this is the foundation of learning. If students do not understand the purpose of their work, then their learning will not be strong. We know that some of you put this information on the actual work that students are doing or you put it on a beginning PowerPoint slide. Our biggest point is that the students know. The secondary point is that we can tell what you're doing. We like it on the board too so that we don't have to interrupt and can understand the relationship between the activity and the learning goal. We're now looking at the other pieces of good learning and it's great to see the exciting things taking place in classrooms. I have also checked out a camera so I can take pictures of those great things and put them in the newsletter.

Mr. Jedamski and I will be visiting New Trier High School and Stevenson High School on Monday and will return Tuesday afternoon. We are very excited about learning from two excellent very large high schools and we'll be sharing that information when we return.

A couple of items for clarification:

If you are a zero period teacher – you must click zero or your zero period class will not have a teacher. This is very important as you know.

If you are a traveling teacher, you need to clarify with the sub where you are going to leave your sub folder for the sub since you travel to each class.

Quote of the Week:

"By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail."
Ben Franklin



Tommy Runnels

I want to share with you that thanks to our restructuring, I believe we, in administration, are doing a better job of keeping up and issuing consequences for tardiness. I believe we are also doing a better job of finding attendance problems early. One thing you may not be sure of regarding dress code is that you are not to warn for dress code violations (that was done at Back-to-School) but refer them directly to the south office. This, like cell phones, is something that teachers do not discipline, but rather refer to administration.

Why is taking accurate attendance so important? For one, it's the law, but perhaps more importantly, so that we may accurately account for our students; not easy to do with our high numbers. How inept we as a school look to parents when we show a student absent from periods 2, 6 & 8 and not period 4 when they prove to have been in class, for example. Of course, with 250 teachers and 3,600 students the chance of being 100% accurate in taking attendance is not great, but let's make taking attendance a priority.

All or most assistant principals approve absences other than sick days. When submitting personal days remember to include the "reason" for your request for personal business absence. It may be as simple as "personal business", but some reason has to be given before it can be approved. If you see that your request is "not approved", please check to see if you have given the reason for your request. When you submit any absence for approval, you must list the reason. For example, today I received an absence request from a teacher for "school business" without any indication of what the school business was. If you receive a reply that your absence request was denied, please check to see if you've given details concerning the reason for your absence.

Floating and otherwise displaced teachers in the north building, if you need help finding a place to work during your preparation time, please contact me. We have placed as many computers as we have drops for in the north workrooms in hope that your needs can be accommodated.

Chuck Hall received good news from his doctor and will return to work on Monday, September 26th!

BHS will be a school of excellence wherein all students will learn



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James Swim

Telephone extensions for the building have been updated in BPS Google. You can enter a name and find a phone number, or even enter a room number and find the phone number for that room. The link on the BPS site is: <http://bps/directory/>. If you find a number that is incorrect or not listed, please let me know.

The Student Services principals are working daily on tardy students. As of yesterday, 1050 students had 1 or more tardies to class. We have dealt with 101 students with 5 or more tardies.

We are going to do an activity and provide lunch in between the morning and afternoon sessions for the staff development day on September 26th. Please wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes for the day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Anna Marie Engler—9/17 Barry Lunney—9/17
Benton Brown—9/18 Kelly Kinsella—9/19
Ben Lewis—9/19 Anna Reynolds—9/20
Kayla Abernathy—9/21 Misty Dail—9/23

Honorary Birthdays

July 16—July 31

Jeremy Yates—7/16 Windsor Dutton—7/17
Jante Kirk—7/17 Beth Jones—7/18
Cindy Breece—7/19 Jenny Fox—7/19
Annette Burkes—7/21 Tony Cherico—7/21
Christine Silano—7/25 Melanie Skembo—7/27
Becky Mills—7/28 Nick Nersesian—7/28



Jason Jedamski

Pep Assembly Schedule for Friday, September 23rd is below. The ONLY change in the schedule is during Advisory.

	9th/10th	11th/12th
11:58 - 12:38	9th/10th Assembly	Lunch
12:43 - 12:53	Advisory	Advisory
12:58 - 1:38	Lunch	11th/12th Assembly

Staff should attend the assembly with their students to help with supervision.

A BIG apology to Mrs. McKean! I accepted an invitation to her class and failed to show! She did remediate me when I showed up after the class by showing me the cool project I missed. I am sorry Mrs. McKean....I missed out on fantastic hats and presentations!

Mrs. Sone was the second teacher to invite me to her classroom. I was "on the ball" the second time and made it. Mrs. Sone's makeup class was applying makeup to make themselves scary and I was very impressed with their knowledge and technique. I really enjoyed watching Mrs. Sone interact with her students and seeing the students transform during my observation. Great work!

Seminar hall duty teachers and administrators are working hard to tighten kids traveling with proper passes and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please make certain every student has a seminar pass with student name, time, and destination. Please refrain from allowing students to travel with the plastic hall pass. Students traveling without a proper pass will be denied travel for a specified period of time.

Don't forget to get your picture taken for the yearbook on Tuesday, September 20th. We need everyone to have their picture taken for the yearbook.



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Tim Sparacino

**Our Libraries: New faces. New Furniture.
Social media. And, QR codes?**

I have been very pleased with evolution of our libraries (should I say media centers?) this year. Mary Jo Thicksten and Traci Holland have really embraced the challenge of continuing to enhance our already great libraries.

If you haven't been by the libraries lately, stop in and relax in the new seating areas. New furniture has been purchased to complement the exciting book and technology displays taking shape. While you're there, be sure to speak with Traci and Mary Jo about assistance with customized displays for your classes.

The librarians have been meeting with classes and providing tutorials to students about the libraries and various resources. Traci can help your students with research skills, and Mary Jo can help students find books to get them engaged in reading.

The media specialists would love to be invited to your department meetings to assess needs and find out how best they can serve you.

Both libraries have started to harness the power of social media. Blogs have been created to peak the students and teachers interest in popular books and the latest technology. Visit bhslibrary.posterous.com and bhslibrarysouth.posterous.com to easily subscribe to e-mail updates from these blogs.

Also, you can "like" BHS Libraries on Facebook or follow them on Twitter for all the latest updates.

If you have a smartphone, or iPod touch, download the free "Barcodes" app and scan the displayed QR codes they've created!

The Libraries are also kicking off the first QR Code Scavenger Hunt! Posters with QR Codes have been placed throughout the building. Students scan the QR Code to receive a question about a book or website, and then turn in answers for a chance to win prizes.

What's a QR code you ask? How could I utilize social media to engage my students or communicate with parents? Get answers to these questions and a whole lot more by visiting Traci and Mary Jo. Do it today!



Jack Loyd

I hope this helps in make contact with the office staff!!!
Contact information for Assistant Principals, Administrative Assistant and Counselors.

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Assistant: Sasha Tyner – 479-254-5112

Counselor: Jodie Fields – 479-254-5152

Counselor: George Radell – 479-254-5150

SCRUBS\VPAC\Gateway—Principal Academic Services:

Jason Jedamski – 479-254-5199

SCRUBS\VPAC\Gateway—Principal Student Services:

Tommy Runnels – 479-254-5143

Assistant: Deb Lamborn – 479-254-5147

Assistant: Kristin Jones – 479-696-3423

Counselor SCRUBS: Shonda Chamberlain – 479-254-5151

Counselor VPAC: Emily Farley – 479-254-5192

GW Counselor---Patty Heitzman—479-696-3399

Counselor—Dana Watson—479-254-5149

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Shirley Coleman – 479-254-5201

FLC—Principal Student Services:

Jack Loyd – 254-5159

Assistant: Melanie Taylor – 479-254-5195

Assistant: Deb Lee – 479-696-3564

Counselors: Jennifer Kelley – 479-254-5165 (A-K)

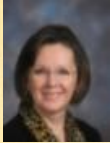
Leslie Pappas – 479-254-5194(L-Z)

Special Services Counselor: Maolina Yang 479-254-5168

This Friday, September 16th, all IMPACT and VPAC seminars will be taking 2nd lunch instead of first, and all FLC seminars will take 1st lunch.



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Shirley Coleman

What a week—the cooler weather is invigorating! I hope you all have enjoyed the week! I have been away from the building for two days attending co-teaching training with a large group from BHS. Both special education and ESL co-teaching teams are participating in training conducted by Cathy Baukman, a professor in education classes at ULAR. Teachers from Siloam Springs and Pea Ridge are also participating. Ms. Baukman has complimented the group as a whole several times. Hearing the audience participation and observing our groups interacting reminds me again of how fortunate we are at BHS to have top-notch professional teachers. The ESL program will continue to grow as will co-teaching opportunities. I encourage you to become ESL endorsed. The team work between co-teachers is PLC philosophy and practice taken to an ultimate level.

On another note, FLC will have our “Making it Count” assembly tomorrow during Seminar/Advisory-- thanks to Chris Hutchens and Graci Brogan for pulling this together. We will have a guest speaker from Rush Running who is very motivational. If you have the opportunity, please join us. Added bonus: the opportunity to observe the behavior of the terrific “Class of 2015”---I know you have heard FLC teachers bragging about this class and how good they are.



Teachers, be sure to turn off all computer monitors and close all windows each evening before you leave to help conserve energy costs.



Chad Scott

I would like to welcome a new staff member. Tracy Crawford is a new paraprofessional in Barbara Reed's classroom. A couple of things about her...she is originally from Canada...and she speaks French. Please welcome her to BHS.

A Special Thanks

I want to acknowledge Penny Graves. Penny is a true example of having a great attitude and perspective. She models what we have all seen in the DVD Mrs. Garrett showed us about the photographer for National Geographic. Penny lives out seeing the best in people...and things.

Decision on the new junior high

As some of you may know, I am on the committee for the design of the new 7-8 junior high to be built on Bright Road. Also, as some of you may know the School Board decided Monday night that building will remain a junior high (and not be expanded into a high school later). So...the committee will go into the process of changing the design to meet those two new criteria.

“Hosting teachers” and Floating Teachers

If you are “hosting” teacher (in other words, someone floats into your classroom at some point) please make them feel welcome. The common expectations for this situation include, but are not limited to, making the classroom accessible and “ready” for the floating teacher, leaving the classroom during the time(s) the floating teacher is present, providing a reasonably-sized area where the floating teacher can store a few things if needed, and in general providing the best collegial support for the person....“We can do more better together”. Thank you

A few things about me...

Wife: Adrienne- she works at Vista Health as Outpatient Services Director

Kids: Kade, a 9th grader & Lexi, a 6th grader

Dogs: Molly, a 10-year old golden retriever & Maggy, a 14-month old golden retriever

...and it's almost deer season!!!